and 1988, either sponsored by Government, or of which Government are aware, is laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 45].

(c) These are confidential and cannot be divulged in the public interest.

Delimitation of Constituencies

1190. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delimitation of Lok Sabha/Vidhan Sabha constituencies is long overdue; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard so that the delimitation is completed before the next general elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir. As per the existing constitutional provisions, delimitation of the existing Lok Sabha/ Vidhan Sabha constituencies is not necessary until the figures for the first census taken after 2000 AD have been published.

(b) Does not arise.

Electoral reforms

1191. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of recommendations made by the Election Commission regarding Electoral reforms which are pending with Government for decision; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to expedite the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) These recommendations are as under:—

(i) Introduction of electronic voting machine.

(ii) Elimination of non-serious candidates.

(iii) Ban on contesting elections from more than two constituencies.

(iv) Disqualification of persons with criminal record.

(v) Measures to check disturbances at election meetings.

(vi) Measures to eliminate fraudulent filing of nomination papers.

(vii) Measures to check booth capturing.

(viii) Delimitation of constituencies, including rotation of reserved seats.

(ix) Statutory definition of political parties.

(x) Issue of multi-purpose photo identity card to voters.

(xi) Government bearing the election expenses of all the candidates.

(xii) Official machinery for the prepartion of electoral rolls and conduct of elections.

(xiii) Work relating to keeping the electoral rolls upto date.

(xiv) Effecting link between the voter and the electoral machinery at the polling station level.

(xv) Election Commission as a multi-member body.

(b) The proposals are under active consideration of the Government and they are likely to be finalised early.